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# Authentication

There are two authentication methods named OAUTH and Personal Access Token (PAT) and this book covers about personal access token for a demo. OAUTH is much secured and used in production environments. Choosing the right authentication mechanism [guidance](#) will give more insight.

## Personal Access Token

Follow the steps beneath to create a personal access token

1. Sign in to either your Visual Studio Team Services account (<https://{youraccount}.visualstudio.com/>)
2. From your home page, open your **profile**. Go to your **security** details.
3. In the right pane click Personal access tokens and choose add.
4. Name your **token** and select the **timespan**.

The personal access token needs a conversion to base64 string.